

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, fifty years ago on April 25, 1953, Robert "Bob" Eldridge took the hand of his beautiful bride, Jo Ann Short, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony at Barbee Memorial Presbyterian Church in Excelsior Springs, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Bob and Jo Ann Eldridge have had the pleasure of raising three children, Jim Eldridge, Jennifer Pederson, and David Eldridge, who is an angel in heaven, and the privilege of spoiling two grandchildren, Emily and Matthew; and

Whereas, Bob Eldridge is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful endeavors in heavy construction; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Jo Ann Eldridge offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

Whereas, members of the Community Covenant Church, Bob and Jo Ann Eldridge have enjoyed many hobbies and interests during their fifty years together, some of which include flying and bird watching; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge, residents of Kearney, commemorated the glorious occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on April 25, 2003, at the VFW, where they were undoubtedly dreaming about their Alaskan Cruise this June:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Bob and Jo Ann Eldridge for their tremendous success in achieving a half century of wedded bliss and in wishing them many happy and rewarding years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eldridge.

Offered by _____
Representative Doug Ervin
District No. 35

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2604, adopted May 7, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker